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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2002 for two (2) months from September 6, 2002 to November 6, 2002. responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/ETH1533/WKW in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

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